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Plague outbreak at Marseille checked—Cholera in Syria.

SEPTEMBER 20, 1903.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following information:

According to reports the outbreak of bubonic plague at Marseille appears to have been definitely checked. At the date of the last report, three days ago, all the patients were on the road to recovery and the persons under observation had been discharged from the place of isolation.

Asiatic cholera in Syria.

A report from Constantinople states that asiatic cholera has broken out and prevails extensively at Birejik, on the Euphrates.

Respectfully,

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Report from Berlin—Plague and cholera in various countries.

Consul-General Mason reports, September 11, as follows:

Plague.

France.—In Marseille, according to a report dated September 10⁷ 5 cases of plague have occurred among the employees of a paper factory in the suburb of St. Barnabé.

Egypt.—Between the 29th of August and the 4th of September there were registered in Egypt 6 fresh cases of plague (and 4 deaths), all in Alexandria.

British India.—During the week ended August 22 there were registered in the Bombay presidency 7,464 cases of plague (and 5,181 deaths), of which 110 cases (94 deaths) occurred in the city of Bombay.

Hongkong.—During the period from the 12th of July to the 1st of August there were registered in Hongkong 41 cases of plague, of which 26 terminated in death.

Plague and cholera.

British India.—In Calcutta, during the period from the 2d to the 8th of August, there were registered 9 deaths from plague and 9 deaths from cholera.

Cholera.

Turkey.—According to official bulletins Nos. 23 and 24, of the 23d and 31st of August, there occurred in Syria 813 cases of cholera (with 728 deaths). Up to the end of August the total number of deaths from cholera in Syria amounted to 3,360.

Death rate of Berlin.

The death rate of Berlin for the week ended September 5 amounted, calculated on the year, to 16.9 per thousand of the population, this being somewhat higher than the rate for the corresponding week of last year, in which it amounted to 16.1. Of the large German cities only the following showed more favorable figures than Berlin, namely: Hanover, Bremen, Altona, Kassel, Karlsruhe, Charlottenburg (with 13.6), and Schöneberg (with 11.5). In the following towns the death